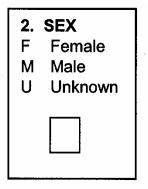
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The patient's gender shall be reported as male, female, or unknown. Unknown indicates that the patient's sex was undetermined or not available from the medical record.

## **DISCUSSION**

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2006:



"Unknown" should be used in the case of undetermined sex, congenital abnormalities that obscure sex identification, and sex change operations, including any procedure related to a sex change operation (e.g. hysterectomy, mastectomy, etc.).